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## 87,000 BEGIN WORK ON U. S. CENSUS FRIDAY

Seventeen Enumerators Will Collect Information For Government In Audrain County

1917 ESTIMATE WAS 102,826,309

U. S. Population Thought to Have Increased 2,000,000 in Seven Years After 1910.

Under the direction of Samuel R. Rogers 87,000 persons will begin work Friday, January 2, on the fourteenth census of the United States. Aside from these workers, who will visit the homes in the country to obtain the required information, 4,000 clerks will be employed in Washington to compile the statistics and get the various totals. It is expected that the task of gathering the information will be completed in a month, and some of the figures may be announced soon after February 1.

On January 1, 1917 it was estimated by the Census Bureau that the population of continental United States was 102,826,309. The census of 1910 showed it to be approximately 100,000,000.

The population of Audrain County increased 2.5 per cent from 1900 to 1910; the per cent of increase during the ten years previous was 4.1. The land area of the county was shown to be 685 acres, the population per square mile averaging 81.7; in the rural districts 23.

The white population in 1910 was 20,067, while there were 1,617 negroes in the county; in 1900 the numbers were 19,530 and 1,627 respectively. The per cent of native whites, with native parentage, was 82.1 in 1910; native whites having foreign or mixed parentage were represented by 8.2 per cent; only 2.3 per cent of the total population of the county was foreign born white. The percentage of negroes was 7.5 per cent, 2 per cent less than the previous census showed. Of the foreign whites more than five times as many came here from Germany than from any other country.

The number of males in Audrain County in 1910 was 11,000; the number of females 10,687.

The total number of illiterates in the county was 260, which was 4 per cent of the population. In 1900 six per cent of the people in the county were illiterate. Only 92 of this number were native whites, 11 were foreign born whites and 155 were negroes.

Ten years ago there were 5,084 dwellings in Audrain County, and families numbered 5,213.

The figures given are first for census of 1910, second of 1900, third of 1890 (township figures include all towns).

Cuivre Township population: 4,122; 3,820; 3,919.

Vandalia: 1,595; 1,408; 979.

Linn Township: (Including ward 2 Laddonia) 1,110; 1,230; 1,349.

Laddonia: (Total) 614; 612; 520.

Rush Hill: 168; 181; 210.

Loutre Township: 1,735; 1,639; 1,682.

Benton City: 233; 116; 276.

Martinsburg: 436; 345; 276.

Prairie Township: (Including Laddonia Ward 1) 1,911; 2,052; 2,112.

Selling Township: 1,441; 1,440; 1,741.

Salt River Township: 8,091; 8,188; 8,358.

Mexico: 5,939; 5,090; 4,780.

Wilson Township: 2,387; 2,791; 2,963.

Audrain total: 21,687; 21,160; 22,074.

Those who will collect census data in this county, under the direction of Howard Ellis, of New Florence, supervisor of the census for the Ninth Congressional District, are:

Henry Middleton, Northern Half Cuivre.

W. Clyde Johnson, Southern Half Cuivre.

Miss Laverta Gooch, Vandalia.

Thomas H. Britton, Linn.

Floyd A. Rockwell, Western Half Loutre.

Frances Jacob Mearns, Eastern Half Loutre.

William H. Gehrke, Eastern Half Prairie.

Dennis L. Hollingsworth, Western Half Prairie.

David W. Walker, Eastern Half Selling.

Joe Leo Bomar, Southern part Salt River.

Archie F. Playter, Central part Salt River.

## FAMILY HAS REUNION ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Mrs. J. A. McPheeters Entertains All Her Seven Children at Her Home On Love Street

TWENTY-TWO ARE PRESENT

All Grandchildren But One Came—One of Four Great-Grandchildren Brought.

Twenty-two members of the family of Mrs. J. A. McPheeters gathered at her home on Love Street to spend Christmas this year. All of her seven children, all but one of her grandchildren and one great grandchild were there.

Those who were present at the family reunion were Mrs. E. J. McMurtry, of Marshall, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. McPheeters and daughter, Jeanette Mitchell, of Fulton; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McPheeters and sons, Reid, Homer and John Alex, of Concord; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McMurtry and children, Anna, Edna and Ralph, who are soon to move to California; J. E. Roy and Miss Emma McPheeters, of Mexico; Mrs. Emma Futler, Mrs. McPheeters' sister; Miss Bess McPheeters, a granddaughter, who is a nurse in Parker Memorial Hospital in Columbia; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McPheeters, of Columbia, and daughter, Jane, the latter being the great grandchild of the hostess.

The only grandchild not present was the daughter of Mrs. E. J. McMurtry, who is married and has three children.

F. M. HAMILTON DIES WED.

Heart Disease Causes Death of Resident on Whitley Street.

F. M. Hamilton, 79 years old, died at his home on West Whitley street about 11 o'clock Wednesday evening of heart disease. He had lived in Mexico a little over a year, having come here from Laddonia, and has made many friends in this city who will regret to learn of his sudden death.

Mr. Hamilton leaves four children to mourn his death: J. W. Hamilton of Kansas City; W. E. Hamilton of Hayes, Mont.; C. E. Hamilton of this city and Mrs. Alma Faulkner of Perry. There is also a brother, Edgar W. Hamilton, who lives in Oklahoma.

A short funeral service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Gibbs at the home about 11 o'clock Friday morning after which the body was taken to Hutchinson, Mo., for burial at the Corbitts Church.

The Ledger joins the many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

MARTINSBURG BANQUET.

More Than 400 Invited to Attend Third Annual Affair.

The Third Annual Banquet of the Martinsburg Camp of Modern Woodmen of America will be given on New Year's Eve at the Gem Theater in Martinsburg with the soldiers of 1861, 1898, 1917-1918 as guests of honor.

There have been invited to the banquet 115 married Woodmen and wives, 25 single Woodmen and ladies and 70 soldiers and wives, making a total of more than 400 for whom plates will be prepared.

Bring Remains Here.

Judge D. A. Murphy, of Nevada, who was in this city Tuesday, went to St. Louis to bring the remains of Patrick Reynolds to this city for burial. The body arrived on the noon Washash train, Wednesday, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery being taken there direct from the station.

Illinois Couple Wed Here.

Charles B. Tyler, of Bloomington, Ill., and Miss Elizabeth Lowry, of Springfield, Ill., were married in Mexico Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by Probate Judge E. A. Shannon in his office in the Court House.

T. M. Denn, of Centralia, was in Mexico Monday and Tuesday.

Frank L. Summers, Northern part Salt River.

John B. DeVault, Mexico, Wards 1 and 2.

Miss Lillian R. Richards, Mexico, Ward 3.

I. N. Bailey, Mexico, Ward 4.

John J. Byrns, Southern Half Wilson.

P. T. Bruce, Northern Half Wilson.

## A Happy New Year

The old gentlemen who doubles as Santa Claus on December 25th, and, attired in a sylvan and his beard, on December 31 is Father Time, has played his part and given the stage to a lusty young star known as "1920."

It is our wish that in 1920 you enjoy the happiness and good fortune you have wished for. That your hard luck be good luck and your good luck better luck.

We hope that our efforts to make the Ledger a better and greater newspaper will meet with your approval and full co-operation. This is a critical time in the history of the world and especially of these United States.

There is a need for strong newspapers whose constructive policy follows the true lines of Americanism, and a paper that is willing to fight for its policies. This has always been the Ledger's aim and purpose.

The co-operation of our readers along this line will make our efforts more effective and fruitful. The good a newspaper can accomplish is much in the hands of its readers.

During the forty-three years of the Ledger's life under the management of R. M. White and R. M. White & Son we have never ceased to be proud of the loyal support of those who are members of the Ledger family—its subscribers.

Our readers are the most representative of Americans and it is to them and those like them that America looks to today to carry this nation through this critical period.

We ask your co-operation today, as you have given it to us in the past, in the fight for better things and true Americanism.

*L. Hutchins White*

## JANE REEDS DIES SATURDAY MORNING

End Came at the Home of Her Daughter, Mrs. F. A. Pearl, on Promenade at 3 o'clock A. M.

PARALYSIS WAS CAUSE

Had Lived in This City for the Past Twenty Years—A Member of the Christian Church.

Mrs. Jane Reeds, 85 years old, died of paralysis at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Pearl on East Promenade street at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. She had been in poor health for about two months.

Mrs. Reeds had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Pearl in this city for the past twenty years having come here a short time after her husband died in Lincoln county, Mo. She was a member of the Christian Church and had been since her early childhood. Although her age made it impossible for her to attend church regularly the last few years, she remained a true and beautiful Christian woman.

There are five children to mourn her death: John Reeds of Jonesburg, Mo.; Mrs. Lucy Hoss of St. Louis; Mrs. Hammett of St. Louis; Mrs. Mabel of Wellsville, Mo., and Mrs. F. A. Pearl of this city.

Two sisters and one brother are also left: Mrs. Porter of Corson, Mo.; Mrs. Will Porter also of Corson and Will Hunsman of Frankford, Mo.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Richard Gentry at the home of F. A. Pearl on East Promenade street at 3:00 Sunday afternoon and burial was made in Elmwood.

The pallbearers will be: Will Lee, J. W. Dry, Churchill Kennan, E. R. Locke, J. C. Mundy and W. G. Wilkins.

The Ledger joins the many friends of this beloved woman in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

King Utt Dies Wednesday.

King Utt, a Callaway county farmer, died about midnight Wednesday and was buried at Pleasant Grove, Hutton, about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The funeral for K. D. Utt who died Thursday morning was conducted at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Atkinson, near Concord. Burial was made in the Pleasant Grove cemetery at Hutton. Mr. Utt served with the Confederate Army during the Civil War and had been awarded the Cross of Honor by the D. A. R.'s.

A. F. Abbott Moves Here from Iowa.

A. F. Abbott and family of Centria, Iowa, have moved to Mexico to reside on the Charles Shoup farm, two and one-half miles northeast of this city. In the future this farm will be known as the Hall and Abbott farm where thoroughbred hogs will be raised. Farming will be operated on a large scale.

## PLANT TO DOUBLE WITH THE LABOR

A. P. Green Says He Will Double Capacity of Josephine Plant Here if Houses Are Built

MUST HAVE MORE LABOR

If Required Number of Men Can Be Had Work of Enlargement Will Begin Early in Spring.

A. P. Green has announced that the Josephine, or West Plant, of his company, in this city, will be doubled in size in 1920 provided houses are built here in sufficient number to accommodate the extra labor needed. Work on the houses should start at once, according to Mr. Green, as his plant, states that the enlargement of the plant include starting to work early in the Spring and he must have the assurance of ample labor before this work is begun.

Other towns are making a bid for one of the Green Plants. Mr. Green prefers to enlarge the West plant rather than build a new one in another city. However if housing arrangements cannot be had here to take care of the extra labor needed he will likely build where such houses are available.

J. B. Arthur, manager of the East Plant, states that there will be no trouble in securing tenants for these houses as he is in touch with many men who are anxious to come here and work in the brick plants but are waiting for homes to be built.

The Green Co. has unusually large orders for fire brick and say that the doubling of the West plant and the increased number of men to work at both plants is a necessity if they are to in any way meet the demand for their product.

It is expected that a definite move will be made in the next few days to complete the organization of a Housing Corporation here to erect the required number of houses.

To Initiate Large Class.

Crusade Commander Knights Templar, of this city will initiate a large class in the Black Monday evening January the fifth. The meeting will be a large one with attendance from all parts of this section.

Miss Virginia Rodgers arrived in Mexico Monday night to visit friends. She is a student in the University at Columbia, where her family is living at the present time.

Mrs. E. B. Jolley and her daughter and son, Miss Mary and Harry, of Topeka, Kansas, are here visiting Mrs. Jolley's son, Dr. J. Frank Jolley.

Dr. E. F. Elliott, of Kansas City, came to Mexico Sunday to spend a few days visiting his brother E. F. Elliott.

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## BOOZE TO BE STATE ISSUE NEXT ELECTION

Missouri Will Fight on, Despite National Prohibition—Forces Are Already Lined up

MUST ANNOUNCE STAND

Anti-Saloon League Announces, However, Unabated Activity to Elect "Drys."

Although the country goes dry officially January 16, 1920, booze will be a dominant issue in the Missouri elections next year, says the Kansas City Star.

As long as St. Louis remains a part of Missouri, and the liquor interests have the slightest hope of a comeback, attempts will be made to elect wet candidates in both parties. However, in view of the rapidly growing dry sentiment in Missouri next year's crop of aspirants for state office will contain few "wet as the ocean" candidates. But in both parties there will be the "gumshoe" type who will assure the personal liberty crowd at the east end of the state of the utter impossibility of prohibition enforcement, and will wear the white ribbon when campaigning in the country districts.

Last the straddling candidates get away with their dual professions to the voters, the Missouri Anti-Saloon League will request all candidates to announce their views before election. Sidestepping will be more difficult at the coming election than at previous ones, when the wets could count on a majority of from 100,000 to 200,000. W. C. Schupp, superintendent of the Missouri Anti-Saloon League, says his organization will take an active part in the coming campaign to elect dry officials in the counties as well as in the state.

Booze will be injected partly because of the submission to a referendum vote the drastic prohibition enforcement act passed by the last legislature. If the act of the legislature is defeated, federal courts alone will have the power in this state to enforce national prohibition. The voters may pass, also, on the ratification of the national prohibition amendment by the last legislature.

The question whether the ratification by the legislature can be referred to the people now is pending in the supreme court, where it was taken by an injunction suit filed by the anti-saloon league to prevent the secretary of state placing the question on the ballot next year.

BRYAN WILSON TO BAR.

Twenty-Four of Class of 66 Failed to Pass Lawyer Test.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 30.—The state board of law examiners Monday passed favorably upon the applications of forty-two law students for licenses to practice law. The class comprised sixty-two students of which 24 failed to pass. Those who have been recommended favorably by the board will be licensed to practice by the supreme court at its next sitting, probably the latter part of this week. Bryan Wilson, of Mexico, Mo., was one of the successful students.

Lester Miller, who has been ill, is able to be out.

Mrs. J. F. Llewellyn is home from a visit in Fulton.

Charles Hoffman, of Auxvasse, was in Mexico Tuesday.

T. P. Harrison, of McCredie, was in Mexico on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Barth and daughter are visiting relatives in Columbia.

The many friends of James Salles will regret to learn he is ill.

W. W. Fry, Jr., leaves for Washington, D. C. Saturday on business.

The Missouri Military Academy opens Monday and Hardin College Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Casius M. Clay returned to Mexico Monday night, after having been away since before Christmas.

Bush Atchison of Denver, Colo., has returned to his work with the Gates Rubber Company there, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atchison of this city.

## MRS. D. M. EDWARDS DIES WEDNESDAY A. M.

Wife of C. & A. Conductor Succumbs to Lung Trouble After Long Illness at Her Home.

LEAVES THREE CHILDREN

Large Number of Brothers and Sisters Will be Here for Funeral to Be Held Thursday.

Mrs. D. M. Edwards, 38 years old, died at her home on S. Jefferson Street at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning after a long illness caused from lung trouble. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock; services will be conducted at the home by the Rev. C. A. Mitchell.

Mrs. Edwards leaves a husband and three children, Catherine, 14, George, 11 and Charley, 9. She is also survived by her mother and a number of brothers and sisters, none of whom live here.

The following brothers and sisters will come for the funeral: George Inlow, of Hillview, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Inlow, of Curryville; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norris, of Curryville; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thale, of Curryville; Mr. and Mrs. Emory Estes, of Spark City.

The following sisters and brothers of Mr. Edwards will also be here for the funeral services: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edwards, of Slater; Mr. and Mrs. Will Cuneen, of Louisiana; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buchanan, of Louisiana; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, of Kansas City.

Mrs. Edwards has lived in Mexico for about fifteen years, her husband being a conductor on the C. & A. railroad. During that time she has made a large number of friends here and there are many to mourn her death. The Ledger joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

COAL FOR FIRE CLAY PLANT.

Elliott Stove Lining Works Received First Shipment Tuesday.

The Elliott Stove Lining Works, here, received its first shipment of coal Tuesday which will enable it to resume operation at once. For a short time after the coal shortage developed fuel was brought to the plant from Martinsburg in trucks.

Mr. Elliott has had his plant running at as full capacity as possible considering his shortage of labor. This plant is one of the local industries which would materially benefit by the building of homes for workers here. Mr. Elliott has been unable to secure sufficient labor to run his plant at the capacity required to meet the demands for his product.

COLLECTOR NOT RUSHED.

Last Day of Year is Dullest it Has Been For Several Years.

The County Collector and his force of helpers were not as busy Wednesday, the last day of 1919, as they were the first two days of the week, nor as busy as the last day of the year usually finds them. About 1 o'clock Wednesday there was only one man in the office paying taxes, and that was the first time for three days that the office had not been crowded. Just why the quiet rush is not on this year is not known unless it is that many persons are having the banks look after paying their taxes. Tuesday saw \$12,750 paid for county taxes.

PEACE ON JANUARY 6.

Exchange of Treaty Ratifications to Be Made That Day.

PARIS, December 31.—Exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles will take place January 6 at the Quai d'Orsay.

Baron von Lersner, head of the German delegation, and Paul Dutasta, secretary of the Peace Conference, last night settled all points in connection with the signature except that relating to naval material, which, it is expected, will be solved shortly.

Move to St. Louis.

Mrs. Elmer Foster and family have gone to St. Louis to join Mr. Foster and reside in the future. They leave many friends, made in this city during their stay here.

Miss Mildred Moore has returned from Auxvasse where she has been visiting relatives for several days.

## MAJ. J. C. STROCK ENTERTAINS ELKS

Exalted Ruler of Lodge is Host at Turkey Dinner Served to Officers and Committees

PLAN FUTURE WORK

Fred A. Morris Talks on Opportunity For Good in Carrying Out Big Brotherhood Program.

All officers, trustees, members of the social service committee and members of the house committee of the Elks Lodge were entertained at a turkey dinner given by Major J. C. Strock, exalted ruler of the lodge, at the Military Academy Tuesday night. The chief purpose of the gathering was to discuss and make plans for the future work of the order, with reference to the local and national programs.

After the unusually bountiful dinner had been finished and the cigars had been lighted, Fred A. Morris made an extensive talk in the general program which the Fraternal Order of Elks has mapped out for the future, giving special reference to the Big Brotherhood movement. He spoke also of the entertainment for the kiddies which has been made a national feature of the Lodge. Mr. Morris stressed the fact that the field of opportunity for social service work is unlimited, and that much good can be done by this order in keeping young men and boys out of the reform schools and prisons by securing paroles for them.

Members of the social service committee made short talks on the accomplishments of the past year.

Plans were made for a big membership drive which is to be conducted at once. It is hoped to enlarge the Lodge with only men of substance and men who will improve the whole.

Dr. H. I. Turley, a former resident of Mexico and member of this chapter of the Elks, was a guest at the dinner. He spoke of the great hospitality and good fellowship which is present in this lodge which is not found in all he has visited.

RENTED MORRIS BUILDING.

Auto Sales Co., to Occupy Store Room, on South Jefferson Street.

The Auto Sales Co., of which J. B. DeVault and Howard Ellis, the latter of New Florence, are owners, has rented the Morris building on South Jefferson street, the first door north of the LaCrosse Lumber Yard. Mr. DeVault is general manager of the company.

They expect to be open for business in a few days. They will sell the Studebaker Six and the new Gardner Four. The 1920 models of these cars are expected at once to show in their stock room.

H. F. Holterman and Mr. Davis will have charge of their service department. Their sales room and business will be quite an addition to Mexico's already thriving motor business. We welcome them to Mexico.

VAN NESS HOUSE BURNED.

Dwelling Almost Destroyed by Fire Wednesday Afternoon.

The dwelling of F. P. Van Ness on S. Jefferson street was badly damaged by fire, the cause of which is unknown, about 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The roof was almost entirely burned off and the upper story of the house ruined. The furniture downstairs was taken out and most of it was undamaged, but the furniture upstairs was burned.

There was insurance on the house and furnishings, but it is not known whether the loss is entirely covered. Mr. Van Ness only last week received adjustment from insurance companies for a small fire which he had about six weeks ago.

Community Rooms to Open.

The Mexico Branch of the Red Community Rooms over the First National Bank Thursday night from 7 to 10. All citizens of Mexico are invited to come there for at least a part of the evening. There will be music and dancing and cards for those who wish to participate in either. From this time on Mrs. George Saul, who has been made hostess of the Rooms, will be there every day, and chaperons will be present every evening the Rooms are open.